

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application, with Claims 1, 8 and 13 being the independent claims.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 13-16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2004/0186918 to *Lonnfors et al.* (hereinafter, *Lonnfors*) or, in the alternative, 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lonnfors* in view of “RFC 3261, SIP: Session Initiation Protocol,” (hereinafter, *RFC*). The Examiner rejected Claims 6, 9-11 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lonnfors* in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,076,244 to *Lazaridis et al.* (hereinafter, *Lazaridis*). The Examiner rejected Claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lonnfors* in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,149,508 to *Herle*.

Regarding the §102(e)/ §103(a) rejection of Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 13-16 and 18, Applicants submit herewith a 37 C.F.R. §1.131 Declaration, establishing reduction to practice of the invention of the pending application in the Republic of Korea prior to March 21, 2003, which is the filing date of *Lonnfors*.

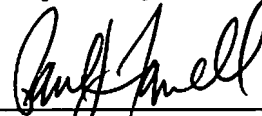
Specifically, Exhibit A of the enclosed Declaration is an invention disclosure document showing that the invention of the pending application was completed at least before March 21, 2003, which is earlier than the publication date of *Lonnfors*. A certified translation of the invention disclosure document is provided as Exhibit B. Additionally, a certified translation of application number 2003-18869 that was filed with the Korean Intellectual Property Office on March 26, 2003, is being provided as Exhibit C. It is respectfully asserted that this §1.131 Declaration renders *Lonnfors* ineffective as to the present claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the §102(e)/ §103(a) rejection of Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 13-16 and 18 citing *Lonnfors* should be withdrawn.

Regarding the §103(a) rejections of Claims 6, 9-12 and 17, for at least the foregoing reasons it is respectfully submitted that these rejections should also be withdrawn.

Further, *Herle* may not be used to preclude patentability under 35 U.S.C. §103(c). *Herle* qualifies a prior art only under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and both *Herle* and the subject matter of the present invention are subject to an obligation of assignment to Samsung Electronics Co.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-18 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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